

Committee Notes – Joint Meeting

Security Committee- Hollywood Entertainment District, Sunset and Vine BID

September 11, 2014

The Library at The Redbury

Attendance: **HED Committee Members present:** Monica Yamada, Carol Massie, Derrick Malec. Not present: Chad Lewis, Galo Medina. **SVBID Committee Members present:** Fabio Conti, Anthony Bell. Not present: Fred Rosenthal, Elizabeth McDonald. **Liaisons:** Joe Salazar, Mike Harkins, Bill Farrar, Steve Seyler, Andrews International. Dan Haldan, Council District 13. Deputy Santiago Robles, LASD. Captain Pete Zarcone, Captain David Storaker, Lt. Rich Gabaldon, SLO Irv Isabella and Danny Pesquiera, LAPD. Staff: Kerry Morrison, Joe Mariani Jr., and Sarah Besley, Hollywood Property Owners Alliance. Guests: Peter Eliasberg, ACLU, Asally Adib-Samadian, sbe.

I. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Monica Yamada at 10:05 a.m. Monica Yamada reported that Charlie Colletta had resigned from the Security Committee, so John Tronson, president of the HPOA Board has asked her to fill in as president until the new term (December). Captain Storaker, the new patrol captain for Hollywood, replacing Captain Cory Palka, was introduced to the committee.

II. Public Comment: There was no public comment at this meeting.

III. Meeting Notes: The committee reviewed the meeting notes from their July 10, 2014 meeting.

IV. Reports

A. Report from Andrews International: Steve Seyler presented highlights from the report that was prepared for the period 7-7-14 through 9-7-14 (longer due to the August hiatus). Seyler reported that arrests are up by 92 over the same time last year. The calls for service are down by 259. He made particular note that there have been 1,414 high visibility patrols for a total of 2,243 hours this year. This is compared to 1,116 patrols last year for a total of 1,358 hours. He proceeded to highlight several notable occasions of homeless outreach and enforcement efforts.

B. Report from LAPD: Captain Zarcone reported that the goal for crime reduction this year was another three percent. The Division is holding pretty well in this area, but there has been an uptick in burglaries from homes in the hills. They are encouraging the residents to invest in home alarms.

C. Report from LA Sheriff's Department: Deputy Robles reported on some problems that have surfaced at the Hollywood & Western station, where transients hang out in an air-shaft contraption. He also reported on a significant bus enforcement detail scheduled for later in the month.

D. Neighborhood Prosecutor: Jackie Lawson was unable to attend due to a court appearance.

E. Community Impact Team: Dan Haldan shared the minutes from the 8-20-14 meeting of the Community Impact Team. In particular, he shined a spotlight on the significant increase in DOT enforcement with respect to tour bus enforcement. There has been a doubling of citations issued between June and July (800/1600); red zone citations (145/334); no parking (193/344).

V. New Business

A. Presentation by Peter Eliasberg, Legal Director, ACLU Foundation of Southern CA. Mr Eliasberg provided an overview of the situation playing out in the LA County Jail at present:

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- On any given night, 1,100 to 1,200 inmates in the county jail suffer from mental illness
- Since there is no real community-based mental health treatment, the jail systems default to becoming the mental institutions
- The recidivism rate for individuals suffering from mental illness to return to jail is 95% (it is 65% for mainstream inmate population)
- Thirty percent of those who are incarcerated have been there at least 10 times.
- It costs \$100/day to incarcerate someone who is not suffering from mental illness. It doubles (\$200/day) for someone with mental illness. Therefore, over the course of a year, this amounts to \$60,000. The most expensive permanent supportive housing solution ranges between \$20,000 to 22,000/year.)

He reported that District Attorney Jackie Lacey has come out publicly to suggest that incarcerating mentally ill people who are serving time for low-level offenses is not humane or effective.

He indicated that he is attempting to gather support from the business community for a motion introduced by Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas which calls for diverting approximately 1,000 mentally ill offender to community-based treatment, rather than jail. Recently the board of supervisors approved a \$2B plan to build a new jail, and 3,400 beds in that jail would be set aside for mentally ill inmates. (Coincidentally, LA County jails considered one of the three top mental institutions in the country because of the number of mentally ill inmates.)

Morrison indicated that she would draft a letter for the Hollywood BID board to consider next week. The Sunset Board could consider in August. Bill Farrar indicated that there were several Hollywood Chamber members in the room, and the information should be shared with the Chamber also.

B. Alcohol Task Force: Kerry Morrison and Dan Haldan reported on developments since the last meeting (July 22). Haldan reported that between DOT and the company that provides the internal workings for parking meters, there will be 12 donated to the Hollywood area for the first phase of this initiative to discourage panhandling. Morrison reported that this issue will appear on the 9-18 meeting of the Hollywood Chamber Community Foundation to see if they would be willing to be the repository of funds collected through this program. A subcommittee of Hollywood 4WRD has been created to work on a suggested list of recipients for donations for the first round. Morrison suggested that the sponsorship of a meter would either be \$1,000/year or \$2,500 a year, and she is testing the waters with these donations. Morrison also distributed a proposal from a PR firm, Urban Legend, that could do the work associated with the branding, message development and communications associated with this project. She is going to ask the HPOA board if this could be funded from the Security Contingency budget at their next meeting.

C. Video surveillance. Joe Mariani indicated that all the necessary paperwork (e.g., insurance forms and agreements) to allow Metro Video access to the rooftop of the Sunset Media Tower to install the repeaters to complete the camera system, have been secured. The repeaters could be installed as early as next week, and the three remaining cameras will follow.

VI. Next Meeting: The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 9, 2014. .

VII. Adjournment: There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 11:20 a.m.